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Good Morning,

As a resident of Gales Ferry and a retired meteorologist/oceanographer for the United States Navy here are some of my observations about Hurricane Irene. CL & P stated that they were going to go through Ledyard/Gales Ferry weeks before the storm to trim trees and bushes touching or in close proximity to their power lines. The company sent out a voice mail and a letter to the community stating that this was the reason for the multiple power outages within Ledyard/Gales Ferry. If you look at these towns history we have a lot of electrical power outages, even on clear days. CL & P stated that it was due to the trees and that they hired a company to go around the town to take care of this situation. We just lost power on 9/16 at about 3 am and power would not be restored until 11:45 am! The "method" of contacting residents for tree/brush removal was hit and miss.

Along Long Cove Road Road, Hyde Park, Blue Bird Dr., parts of Eagle Ridge Dr. no of the trees were trimmed back, and power lines were disabled. The method of clearing back the trees before the storm seemed hap-hazard, with no rhyme or reason. I watched as the tree company spent two days working on three houses on Eagle Ridge Dr., but left areas of over growth! Along Hyde Park and Long Cove Road there are numerous vines, tree limbs that are interfering with the established power lines. Please look at these areas yourself.

Respectfully,

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